Supplementary Table 7. Studies of School Vending Machines

| Author, y | Design | Population | Outcomes | Duratio n | Intervention/Exposure | Findings |
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| Nickelson et al., 2010 ²⁴⁴ | Observational | 8 public middle schools N=4049 Age: 6th-8th grades | Self-reported parental limits on soft drink intake School vending machine soft drink purchases Soft drink consumption | Survey taken during 1 class period | Observed 7 items from YRBSS in relation to purchases of soft drinks from school vending machines and consumption of soft drinks at school/home Examined survey question about parental limits on consumption of soft drinks Measured age, sex, race/ethnicity, milk, and fruit juice intake | 67% of students reported consuming no soft drinks per day. 54% of students reported no parental limits on consumption, 33% reported a limit of 1 soft drink per day, and 14% reported a limit of 2-3 soft drinks per day. The greatest number of purchasers of soft drinks from school vending machines were students who reported a parental limit of 2-3 soft drinks per day (29%) or no parental limit (27%) (<i>P</i><0.001). Students with the lowest soft drink purchases from school vending machines (20%) reported a parental limit of 1 soft drink per day (<i>P</i><0.001). |
| Park et al, 2010 ²⁴⁶ | Observational, cross-sectional | 73 Florida public middle schools N=4322 Age: 6th-8th grades | Use of school vending machines Consuming snacks/caloric beverages in place of lunch | Spring 2003 | Florida Youth Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey Statewide, self-reported school-based survey for middle school students to monitor attitudes, behaviors, physical activity, and nutrition knowledge Developed by Florida Dept of Health Survey examined vending machine types and items offered Items were grouped into healthier and less healthy snacks and beverages. | 99% of students reported the presence of a vending machine serving snacks, 89% reported a beverage vending machine, and 88% reported having both. 70% reported buying less healthy snacks and 69% reported buying less healthy beverages. In schools with a beverage vending machine, more students (19%) selected snacks/beverages instead of lunch than in schools without beverage vending machines (7%) (P<0.05). Students in schools with a beverage machine had a higher risk for buying lunch from the vending machine (adjusted OR=3.5; 95% CI, 2.2-5.7). Students who bought snacks/beverages from the vending machines instead of school lunch ≥3 days per week more often purchased less healthy snacks. |
| Thompson et al, 2010 ²⁴⁵ | Observational, cross-sectional | Public school students N=869 | Access to school vending machines Food purchases and dietary intakes | Given May–Jun e 2005 | Youth Styles Survey Consumer mail panel survey as part of Styles survey Survey inquired about school | 58.7% of students reported that access to school vending machines was restricted to certain hours. The majority of these students reported not making any purchases from the vending machine (<i>P</i><0.05). Students who bought food from the |

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| Fiske and Cullen, 2004 ¹⁰⁹ | RCT | 10 vending machines in teachers' lounges in Texas elementary and middle schools | Assessed items sold Assessed dollar sales for items Total machine revenue | 2-wk baseline assessme nt; 4-wk interventi on | Teacher vending machines: • Each machine had 28 snack items and 5 choices of gum. • Low-fat items were promoted by - Labels (intervention I, 4 machines) - Labels plus signs (intervention II, 4 machines) - No intervention (control, 2 machines) | Intervention I resulted in a trend toward a small increase in sales of low-fat items (P=0.08). Intervention II resulted in more target foods sold, without a significant effect on total dollar sales (P=0.11). A significant difference in total machine revenue was not seen in either intervention. |
| Gorton et al, 2010 ²⁴⁷ | Quasi- experimental (pre- vs postinterventio n) | 14 vending machines at 2 hospital sites N=835 at baseline; N=611 at follow-up (Included here although worksite-based) | Web-based staff surveys: 1 preintervention and 1 midway through intervention Sales data pre- vs postintervention | March– May 2007 and March– May 2008 | Hospital vending machines: • Intervention to provide at least 50% more healthy choices in vending machines (defined as <800 kJ, <1.5 g saturated fat per 100 g, <450 mg per 100 g nonconfectionery items), and 50% other choices (<800 kJ) | Preintervention: 16% of staff used vending machines ≥1 time per day, 51% said they tried to choose healthier items, and 84% reported they never or infrequently used vending machines. Mid intervention: no significant changes. End intervention: no significant changes. End intervention: no significant changes. 15% used vending machines >1 time per day, 53% said they tried to choose healthier items, and 85% reported they never or infrequently used vending machines. 87% of staff who frequented vending machines reported noticing that healthier snacks were available. 54% of staff who frequented vending machines reported changing their choices, with 31% doing so to make healthier choices. Postintervention, average purchase: 40% lower kJ, 32% lower total fat, and 41% |

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YRBSS indicates Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; and RCT, randomized controlled trial.

Note: Reference numbers (eg, Nickelson et al, 2010²³⁸) appearing in this supplementary table correspond with those listed in the reference section of the statement. For the purposes of this supplementary table, these meta-analyses or systematic reviews (see "Author, y" column) are considered the primary citation. Additional studies mentioned in the primary citation may be included in the "Intervention/Exposure" and "Findings" columns. The additional studies can be accessed through the primary citation.